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In response, Applicant elects, without traverse, the invention of Group I, i.e., claims 1-8, drawn to a semiconductor device. Applicant further elects Species I, embodiment of Figs. 1-3. Claims 1 and 8 are readable on this species.

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